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Dear Dr. Cabelli:

I wish I could help you on your request for ONPG, but as you might imagine our own supplies are severely limited. The compound is not commercially available, as far as I know, although the synthesis is quite feasible. It would be a real service if you could persuade some small synthetic laboratory to produce it.

The best I can do is to include a tantalizing sample which may help you decide whether you want to make more, and may also serve as seed for the final crystallization. The procedure is being sent under separate cover, together with other reprints concerning *E. coli* lactase. I shall be interested to have the same from yourself when available.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Associate Professor of Genetics

Enc: ca 10 mg ONPG